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FLORIDA STATE DIRECTORY

Governor—W. B. Jennings.
Secretary of State—H. Clay Crawford.
Comptroller—A. C. Croom.
Attorney-General—W. B. Lamar.
Treasurer—J. B. Whitfield.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. N. Sheats.
Commissioner of Lands—B. E. Melan.
Adjutant General—J. C. R. Foster.
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Representatives—B. M. Sparkman and R. W. Davis.

DeSoto County Directory.
Judge Circuit Court—Jos. B. Wall.
Clerk Circuit Court—H. B. Carlton.
Sheriff—T. E. Fielder.
Tax Collector—J. R. Randall.
Tax Assessor—F. M. Cooper.
Treasurer—F. E. Parker.
County Judge—A. E. Foster.
Superintendent of Schools—M. F. Giddens.
Representative—R. E. Brown.

Punta Gorda Directory.
Mayor—A. C. Freeman.
Marshal—J. H. Bowman.
Clerk and Assessor—W. B. Hardee.
Collector—Chas. Smith.
Treasurer—W. A. Roberts.
Justice of the Peace—W. B. Hardee.
Council meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.
Northern Mail—Arrives 9:30 p.m. 8:15 a.m. daily; departs 4:30 p.m. and 7:05 a.m. daily.
South Bound—Leaves Punta Gorda by boat for St. James, Sanibel, Punta Rassa and Myers at 7 a.m. daily except Sunday; returning arrives at 2 p.m.
Grove City and Englewood—Departs daily by boat at 7 a.m.; arrives at 2 p.m.
Charlotte Harbor and Harbor View—Departs daily by boat at 7 a.m.; arrives at 9:15 p.m.

JOSHUA MERRILL, Postmaster

Churches and Societies.

Episcopal Church, Rev. T. J. Purdie, rector. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Sundays; Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock each Sunday afternoon.
Presbyterian—Rev. C. H. Ferran, pastor. Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
Methodist—Rev. H. W. Joiner, pastor. Services at 7 p.m. every Sunday and at 11 a.m. on the first and third Sundays at the Punta Gorda church; Sunday school every Sunday 10 a.m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. Epworth League meets every Sunday 3:30 p.m. Charlotte Harbor Methodist Church—Services at 7 p.m. on second and fourth Sundays and at 7 p.m. on Saturdays previous.

Punta Gorda Baptist Church—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor. Services every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 3:30 p.m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.
Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school 10 a.m. preaching 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. C. B. Stephens, Elder.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Meets every Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

Masonic—Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M. Meets on Friday before second Saturday of each month in Masonic hall. J. M. Samuel, W. M.; R. L. Earnest, Sec.
Pythian—Tarpon Lodge No. 39, K. of P. Meets on Wednesday night of each week in Masonic hall. H. J. Blakely, C. C.; A. Roe, K. of R. & S.

Woodmen of the World—DeSoto Camp No. 19. Meets in Masonic hall second and fourth Thursdays. A. K. Demere, C. C.

Punta Gorda Business Directory.
A. Roe—Wholesale and Retail Hay, Grain, Fertilizers, etc.
Mrs. A. Roe—Manager Hotel Dale.
W. H. Burland—Physician and Surgeon.
A. F. Dewey—Owner and operator Charlotte Harbor Lighterage and Stevedore Co.
Jno. H. Lighthouse—Insurance.
M. V. Williams—Cashier Punta Gorda Bank.

The Earliest Dry Goods Co.—Dry Goods, shoes, Gent's Furnishings.
A. C. Freeman—Hardware and furniture.
J. W. Booth—Agent Plant System.
J. R. Elliott—Dry Goods and Notions.
R. K. Seward—Groceries, Shoes, Hats, etc.
Gent's Furnishings, Hardware, and Paints.
Geo. T. Brown & Co.—Wholesale Fish and Oysters.

A. W. Gilchrist—Real Estate, Insurance, Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.—Meats, vegetables, produce and Groceries.
C. J. Jack, City Clerk.
Pioneer Barber Shop—J. R. Randall, proprietor.
T. O'R. Jameson—Fruits, confections, etc.
H. J. Spence and L. H. Tralove—Attorneys.
McLane & Oliver—Hardware, Groceries.
J. B. Cox—Fruit, confections, cigars, tobacco, cool drinks, etc.
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has become famous. The quality of the drugs, the accuracy of the compounding and the promptness in filling orders are points which have earned for us the approbation of the public.

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Shipments can now be made from New Orleans via Southern Pacific Co. to Galveston, Mallory line to Key West and Schr. "Silver Spray" to Punta Gorda at the following through rates:

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NEW LINE OF China NOVELTIES Glassware

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W. H. BURLAND, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

PUNTA GORDA, - - - FLORIDA.

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CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State's Attorney of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democratic voters at the coming primary.
H. S. PHILLIPS.

I will be a candidate at the coming democratic primary, seeking the nomination to the office of State's Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. I ask each and every elector at said primary to give me his vote and support.
SOLON B. TURMAN,
Of the Tampa Bar.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.
In response to the earnest solicitations of many friends and fellow-citizens, I take this opportunity to announce myself a candidate for the office of tax collector of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on July 15th, 1902. I earnestly solicit the cordial support of my fellow citizens and promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the office faithfully and honestly.
Very Respectfully,
HENRY L. HOLLINGSWORTH

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto County, Fla., subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters of said County.
Respectfully,
F. MARVIN DURRANCE.

JAMES D. SOUTHERLAND, in compliance with the expressed wishes of many friends, respectfully announces his candidacy for tax collector of DeSoto county and solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the July primary.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce F. M. COOKMAN as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.
I announce myself a candidate for the Legislature. Conditions do not warrant a division of the county. If elected I will oppose such a measure.
ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

At the earnest solicitations of leading citizens of almost every section of the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative in the next Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
If elected, I pledge myself to use my influence, to work, and to vote, - 1st. For reduction of taxes; 2nd. For the protection and betterment of the fish interests of DeSoto county; 3rd. Against the division of the county; 4th. Against the dispensary bill and in favor of a law allowing the people of the state to vote on an amendment to the constitution providing for State prohibition.

Having no axe of my own to grind, I shall do my best for the interests of DeSoto county and her people, and I therefore respectfully solicit your support.
C. M. JOHNSON.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce Finis E. Parker as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.
W. A. HENDRY.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
The friends of Ed F. Hostick hereby announce him a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for district No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and earnestly solicit your support.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of District No. 3, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held July 15, 1902. If elected, I shall serve the people faithfully in all business coming before the Board.
Respectfully,
J. H. CONGANNON.

We are authorized to announce N. L. LARSEN as a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 2, which includes Charlotte Harbor, Pine Level, Owens, Grove City and Oak Hill. Subject to the July primary.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 3 of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of July 15, 1902.
C. C. MORGAN.

Appreciating the support given me in the last election, I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of District 5, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
Respectfully,
S. L. GRIPPIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for District No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and respectfully solicit your support.
WASHINGTON W. LANGFORD.

A. C. FREEMAN respectfully announces that he is a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 3 and solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the approaching primary.

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.
I wish to announce myself to the voters at the Democratic primary election as a candidate for re-election as member of the Board of Public Instruction.
Trusting that I may again receive your support, I am,
Very Respectfully,
CYRUS JONES.

Twenty thousand envelopes and a large lot of other job stationery just received at THE HERALD office.

Summer Tourist Tickets.

Summer Tourist tickets by Plant System to principal resorts are now on sale. Limited to return Oct. 31st, 1902. For further information, see ticket agents.

THAT FISHING FUSS.

Ft. Myers Press Roasts All of Us.

The Fort Myers Press of last week makes a great ado of over a column about THE HERALD's reflections on the Lee county officials for their interference with Punta Gorda fishermen. The abridgment of the Press is too long for reproduction, but in sum and substance" allegations in rejoinder are these:

Our fishermen are pirates; they use nets over 350 yards long, which is illegal; they are depleting the fish supply and "in a very short time all the fish will be taken or driven from Lee county waters." Fort Myers is not jealous of Punta Gorda, as without Fort Myers and the islands and bays below, there would be no Punta Gorda; all the business here comes from Lee territory and the railroad is here solely for the business from below; that Punta Gorda people have lied to tourists about Fort Myers, which has nevertheless grown prodigiously; that coast settlers and not Fort Myers people complained of our fishermen, and that we are a sorry, ungrateful lot of fellows to accuse Fort Myers of meanness, when all our prosperity comes from there and they are acting as much in our interests as theirs in trying to prevent the utter extinction of the fish supply.

Well, well, well! That is a lot of stuff to spill a good newspaper like the Press with.

THE HERALD confesses its ignorance as to the extent of the fish supply, which is the only real question at issue; but here is a concern getting ready to catch, freeze and ship one hundred tons of fish every day. Not only this, they will use tons of them daily to make oil and fertilizer. To this end, they have already spent over \$200,000 more merely in getting ready and will be out that much more before they are ready. Now, the question arises, would intelligent business men invest half a million dollars in an industry to last only a year or two? Evidently these capitalists do not apprehend the total annihilation of the fish supply.

Nor do the local fishermen, who allege that the supply now is greater than it was ten years ago. They say there are actually more fish than they can use and they often have to lay off some of their crews to avoid over-stocking the markets.

One fish company last month laid off all their men but one crew, which one crew alone took plenty of pompano to supply the demand, whereas ten times that amount of pompano could easily have been caught.

From time immemorial there have been extensive fisheries on the coasts of the British Isles, France and Holland, and the mackerel fisheries of New Foundland and the cod fisheries of Massachusetts have existed for many years, and yet no complaints come from those quarters as to the supply being threatened with exhaustion.

The best evidence at the command of this writer tends to show that the apprehension concerning a possible depletion of the supply is exaggerated.

The next question is as to whether the laws for the protection of fish are being violated by the Punta Gorda fishermen. Judge Wall says no, but the Fort Myers people claim to know better and say yes. Not only this, if there is no law to suit the ideas of the Lee county people, the Press thinks they ought to "take the law in their own hands"—that is, make a law of their own and lynch anybody violating it. That shows a degree of absurdity of which an enlightened man should be ashamed, but the Press doubtless imagines itself and its clients exasperated to an execrable degree of mental aberration.

Toucheing our ingratitude for the prosperity which we are accused of deriving from Lee county sources, by the same reasoning we should be expected to thank Lee county and not the Almighty for the rains and the sunshine we enjoy. God built this particular bay, its inlets, passes, islands and environs and laid the ground for the site of Punta Gorda; and we should not be blamed if the physical construction of this nook of the earth makes Lee county and Fort Myers and the beautiful Isles of the Gulf all tributary to Punta Gorda.

But if Brother Isaacs can show that he and not the Almighty is responsible for our superior location and superb business situation, we will cheerfully accord him a due measure of gratitude.

Finally, the charge that Punta Gorda people have lied about Fort Myers needs the substantiation of evidence.

This writer has been here nearly a year and in that time has never heard a single word spoken in disparagement of Fort Myers or any place in Florida, save in this one instance of charging Fort Myers with meanness in interfering with our fishermen. It is a common thing for the associates of this writer to speak in high terms of the beauty and at-

THE CARNAHUA PALM.

It is Called the Most Marvelous Tree in the World.

Undoubtedly the most marvelous tree in the world grows in Brazil. It is the carnahua palm and can be employed for many useful purposes. Its roots produce the same medicinal effect as sarsaparilla. Its stems afford strong, light fibers, which acquire a beautiful luster and serve also for joints, rafters and other building materials as well as for stakes for fences.

From parts of the tree wines and vinegar are made. It yields also a saccharine substance as well as a starch resembling sago. Its fruit is used for feeding cattle. The pulp has an agreeable taste, and the nut, which is oleaginous and emulsive, is sometimes used as a substitute for coffee. Of the wood of the stem musical instruments, water tubes and pumps are made. The pith is an excellent substitute for cork. From the stem a white liquid similar to the milk of the coconut and a flour resembling maize may be extracted.

Of the straw, hats, baskets, brooms and mats are made. A considerable quantity of this straw is shipped to Europe, and a part of it returns to Brazil manufactured into hats. The straw is also used for thatching houses. Moreover, salt is extracted from it and likewise an alkali used in the manufacture of common soap.

FOR COMPTROLLER.
The present comptroller of Florida, the Hon. A. C. Croom, is a candidate for re-election to that most important office.

Few, if any of our citizens have ever had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the gentleman, but his service to our people in saving of expenses and stopping the continued adding of annoying complications to the title to lands sold for taxes, are fully appreciated by those who understand what he has really accomplished along these lines, and unless we are very much mistaken, Mr. Croom will receive a large majority of the votes cast in the July primary for that office.

Many newspapers of the state whose revenues have been cut down from 50 to 75 per cent, and tax assessors who were forced to change their books last year, are opposing Mr. Croom, but the people generally are commending him for his positive stand in the matter and his insistence on following the law as he understood it.

The lands of one company in this county were advertised and sold for six consecutive years at an annual cost of about \$150 per year for printing, besides assessor's commissions and other costs contrary to law, and but for Mr. Croom's positiveness, would have been going on yet. This he stopped immediately upon assuming office and it is estimated that he will save the state nearly \$10,000 this year in the one item of advertising.

Mr. Croom has proven a faithful and fearless public servant, such as the people should delight to honor and keep in harness at least long enough to establish his policies. We commend him most heartily to our readers, believing that he is deserving and worthy of their support.—Braidentown Journal.

JUDGE HOCKER.

Judge W. A. Hocker spent a few days in Ocala this week visiting and shaking hands with his host of friends. We are glad to note the favorable indications for his nomination in the coming primary for judge of the supreme court of Florida. Judge Hocker is one of the most universally loved and respected men who ever lived in Ocala and as an evidence of his high standing and popularity the county democratic executive committee, at its recent meeting in Ocala, passed the following resolution endorsing his candidacy by a unanimous rising vote:

"Whereas, the Hon. Wm. A. Hocker, of this city, formerly judge of the fifth judicial circuit of Florida, is a candidate in the state democratic primaries to be held on July 15 next for the office of justice of supreme court of Florida, therefore be it resolved by the committee:

"That we endorse and commend Judge Hocker to the democrats of the state as a life-long democrat who has always been faithful to his party as well as to every trust, as an able and competent lawyer, and as a man of the most exalted character; and urge our fellow democrats throughout the state to elevate him to the position to which he aspires."—Florida Baptist Witness.

tractions of Fort Myers and the coast islands, as well as of all the other pretty places in this region, but we suppose the Press has been told by Mr. Smith that he heard Mr. Jones say that it had been reported in Tampa that a darkey fireman on a train coming from Punta Gorda had heard a man say that a roustabout on the steamer Plant had expressed the opinion that Fort Myers was a mighty poor place for a bad nigger, and so all Punta Gorda is held responsible for this alleged opinion and is denounced as telling lies on Fort Myers.

The same thing happened at Leesburg fifteen years ago, and to this day Yalaha has not forgiven Leesburg for it.

Brother Isaacs should not believe anything that he hears nor one half that he sees, but he ought to let our fishermen alone.

STICK TO ONE THING.

A Man Who Wishes He Had Lived up to That Rule.

"The only way for a man on a salary to make a success of life financially and otherwise is to stick to one thing," said a government employee to a reporter. "Twenty years ago I had plenty of energy, a little money and a huge stock of ideas. I determined to become a power in the money market and as a starter dabbled for six months or more in stocks. That experience cost me \$4,000. I soon became convinced that I was cut out for a druggist and straightway invested \$2,000 in a pharmacy. Cut rates were unknown in those days, and in a short time I was doing well, but one day I read of a prominent lawyer receiving \$25,000 as a fee for some case, and instantly I became imbued with the idea that I would make a great lawyer. I neglected my drug business to such an extent that in two years I was \$500 to the bad. In the meantime I read law diligently. After a time I graduated as a full fledged disciple of Blackstone and hung out my shingle. Business not coming my way as fast as I thought it should, I opened a small hotel; result, \$1,500 in the hole. "Then I tried my hand at real estate, my legal training helping me greatly, but the same old story will have to be recorded here—failure. By this time my money was nearly all gone. What to do next was the all absorbing question. One day a friend convinced me that big money could be made out of chickens. I invested every cent I had left, \$12,000, in hens. At the end of six months I sold out my henery for \$300. Then I got a government job, and here I've been ever since. Shortly after my arrival in this town I purchased a little land in the northwest section. That investment has yielded me a very handsome return, and I am now thoroughly satisfied that the only thing for a man on a salary to do is to either put a little each month in some good savings bank or invest his surplus in land or bricks and mortar. Remember one thing—this is an age of specialists. Stick to one thing, make a success of it, and maybe one of these days some big company will offer you a princely salary for your knowledge. A rolling stone gathers no moss or money."—Washington Star.